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For: FIBER ARRAY, METHOD FOR FABRICATING THE SAME AND OPTICAL  
DEVICE USING THE FIBER ARRAY

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 22, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Attached hereto as Appendix A, pursuant to Rule 1.121(b)(3)(ii), is a substitute specification. Attached hereto as Appendix B, pursuant to Rule 1.121(b)(3)(iii), is a marked-up version of the specification showing the changes being made thereto. Please replace the specification with the substitute specification in Appendix A. Applicants respectfully submit that the substitute specification contains no new matter.

In the Claims:

Please rewrite claims 1-8 as follows:

1. (Amended) A fiber array housing a stripped fiber in a V-groove of a V-groove substrate comprising:

a fiber fixing substrate fixing said stripped fiber; and

a peripheral adhesive disposed around said stripped fiber;

wherein an end face of said peripheral adhesive is recessed no more than 10  $\mu$ m with respect to an end face of said fiber.

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